Briefing by Home Ministry Officials to BJP Office Bearers

2502. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to newsitem "Government gives BJP talking points on terror law" published in the Times of India, dated 7th November, 2001; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Home Ministry Officials briefed BJP President and General Secretary on necessity of POTO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) An informal meeting was convened in Home Ministry to brief a group of Ministers about the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001. In this meeting, Shri J. Krishnamoorty, President and Shri Sunil Shastri, General Secretary of the BJP were also present.

NCT dues to Tamil Nadu for the deployment of Special Police Battalion in Tihar Jail

2503. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount, the National Capital Territory of Delhi, has to pay to Tamil Nadu on account of the deployment of Tamil Nadu Special Police Battalion on ex-State duty at Tihar Jail, New Delhi; and

(b) when this amount is likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) As per the information furnished by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, an amount of Rs. 66,85,85,345/- pertaining to the period from 1st October, 1992 to 31st March, 2000 is outstanding.